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In re Application of :
Balaji Venkataraman :
Serial No.: 10/635,928 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: August 6, 2003 :
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed September 11, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The delay in acting on this petition is regretted and may be due to errors in properly forwarding the petition for consideration after converting the application to an image file wrapper..

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**. It is noted that prosecution is well advanced in this application and granting of this petition does not relieve applicant of the responsibility of timely replying to the outstanding Office action. It will, however, result in any reply being considered expeditiously.

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